



PROJECT SUMMARY: Mardi Gras Blvd/Florence Dr

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Mardi Gras Blvd between L.B. Landry Avenue and Shirley Drive and Florence Dr between General de Gaulle Drive to Old Behrman Hwy. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



The Mardi Gras Blvd/Florence Dr corridor is approximately 1.2-miles-long and is one of several key north-south major streets in Algiers. The land uses along the majority of the corridor are residential. While not a bus route itself, the No. 102, 108, and 115 lines cross Mardi Gras Blvd.

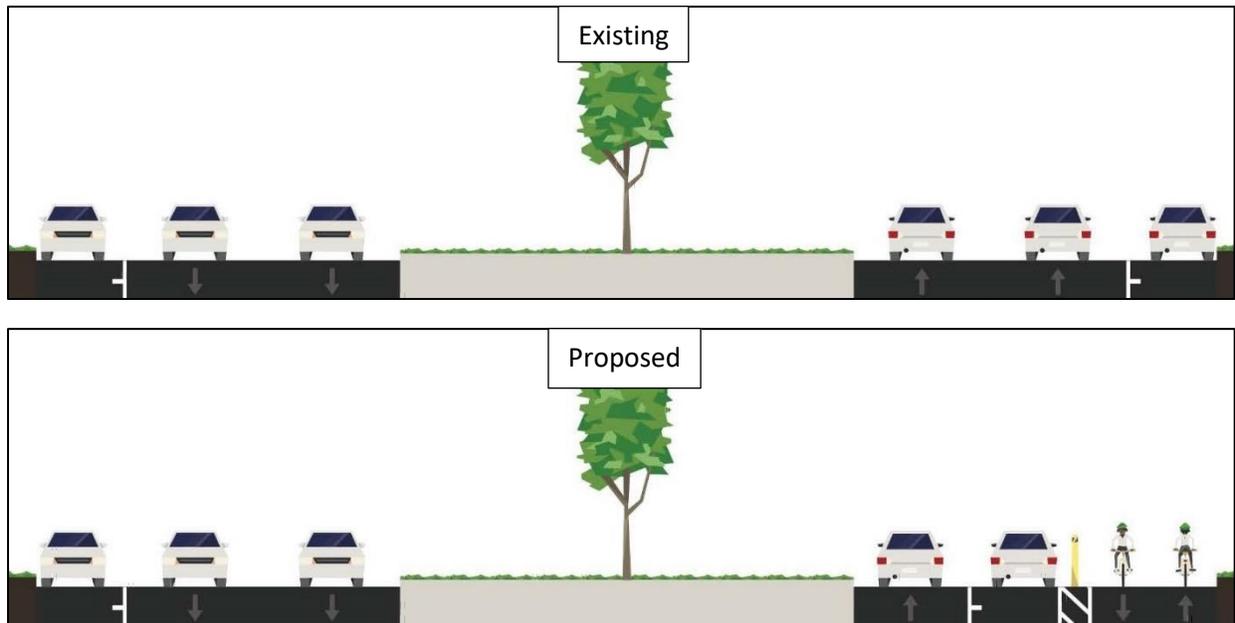
Mardi Gras Blvd/Florence Dr Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

A total of 353 crashes were recorded on Mardi Gras Blvd/Florence Dr over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 201 people. Most crashes involving injuries occurred at General De Gaulle Drive (260) followed by Behrman Avenue (21) and L.B. Landry Avenue (21). There were one crash involving a pedestrian and three crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements include installing protected bike lanes, improving sidewalks, installing crosswalks, and adding pedestrian signals at General de Gaulle Drive. The northbound/riverbound side Mardi Gras Blvd will be reconfigured to include a vehicular lane, parking lane, and a two-way protected bike lane, while the southbound side will remain as two vehicular lanes and a parking lane. Florence Drive will include a vehicular lane, parking lane, and a two-way protected bike lane. The improvements will also include trail connections to Wall Blvd, across General de Gaulle Dr, and to the existing Mardi Gras Blvd Trail. The proposed improvements are designed to improve overall safety and make Mardi Gras Blvd and Florence Drive a more comfortable place to walk, bike, and drive.





Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for Mardi Gras Blvd

Public Outreach

A series of Citywide Bike Network Planning Meetings were held in 2019.

- April - Eight meetings were held to gather public input in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July - August – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- August – Two preliminary design review meetings were held in Algiers to discuss the first phase of bikeways that were proposed for construction.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June through an online interactive bike network planning map. A total of 2,288 people commented and made recommendations.

What is Moving New Orleans?

As an initiative of Mayor LaToya Cantrell, **Moving New Orleans** is a multi-modal strategy that is focused on improving the safety, equity, efficiency and connectivity of the City's transportation network.

Moving New Orleans Bikes (MNOB) is the first of several focused strategies to be implemented under this framework. MNOB is a joint initiative of the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Department of Public Works that is designed to accelerate the construction of a 75-mile connected low-stress bikeway network.

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